

Grant County-Douglas County 115 kV line in Alexandria Township.

RUS has concluded that the impacts from the proposed project would not be significant and that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: RUS, in accordance with its environmental policies and procedures, required that the Partners prepare a Borrower's Environmental Report (BER) reflecting the potential impacts of the proposed facilities. The BER which includes input from the Federal, state, and local agencies, has been adopted as RUS's Environmental Assessment for the project in accordance with 7 CFR Section 1794.61. RUS has concluded that the BER represents an accurate assessment of the environmental impacts of the project. The proposed project will not affect any known properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The project will be constructed on an existing right-of-way for almost all its entire length, requiring only about one mile of new right-of-way. However, if previously unknown resources are discovered during construction, the Partners will halt construction while the significance of the finding and proper mitigation is determined. Construction of the line should have no impact on floodplains, air quality, and formally classified areas. The project should also have no significant impact on farmlands, water quality, wetlands, aesthetics, federally listed or proposed for listing threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Alternatives considered to the project included no action, power purchase from other sources, localized generating facilities, load management and energy conservation, alternative routes, construction method alternatives, design alternatives, and voltage alternatives. RUS has considered these alternatives and concluded that the project as proposed will meet the needs of the Partners to provide adequate service in the project area with a minimum of adverse impact.

Copies of the BER and FONSI are available for review at, or obtained from RUS at the address provided above or

from the office of CPA, 14615 Lone Oak Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344-2287, telephone (612) 949-1551 during normal business hours.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Illinois Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 3:00 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 1997, at the Xerox Centre, 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 1660, Chicago, Illinois 60603. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss civil rights issues and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Joseph Mathewson, 312-360-1110, or Constance Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Indiana Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 3:00 p.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at the United Way of St. Joseph County, 3517 East Jefferson Boulevard, South Bend, Indiana 46660. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss

civil rights issues and plan future activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Paul Chase, 317-920-3190, or Constance Davis, Director of the Midwestern Regional Office, 312-353-8311 (TDD 312-353-8362). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn 3:30 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 1997, at the Western Maryland College, Hoover Library, Trustees Board Room, 2 College Hill, Westminster, Maryland 21157. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a speakers list and identify other prospective participants in an upcoming briefing on Korean-American concerns in Baltimore, Maryland.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Chester Wickwire, 410-825-8949, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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